Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Central Allocation to Village Panchayats during 1995-96*	(Rs. in lakhs) Central Releases to Village Panchayats 1995-96 to 31.12.97**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11115,86	26767,28
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	114,11	237,01
3.	Assam	3659,30	7679,08
4.	Bihar	21803,37	48833,88
5.	Goa	123,30	265,38
6.	Gujarat	4080,42	10905,11
7.	Haryana	980,18	2397,81
8.	Himachal Pradesh	391,78	905,59
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	796,11	2130,30
10.	Karnataka	7463,82	19770,62
11.	Kerala	2715,44	6642,55
12.	Madhya Pradesh	14085,42	36575,25
13.	Maharashtra	12117,82	31159,35
14.	Manipur	146,26	293,11
15.	Meghalaya	171,14	293,64
16.	Mizoram	72,10	200,41
17.	Nagaland	183,45	420,58
18.	Orissa	9017,53	24184,06
19.	Punjab	697,02	1804,31
20.	Rajasthan	5851,98	15003,94
21.	Sikkim	66,79	156,40
22.	Tamilnadu	10048,58	28337,11
23.	Tripura	189,97	535,17
24.	Uttar Pradesh	27080,03	70346,28
25.	West Bengal	9961,44	21527,70
26.	A & N Island	67,53	130,26
27.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	36,65	85,77
28.	Daman & Diu	21,59	61,04
29.	Lakshadweep	33,86	65,22
30.	Pondicherry	66,11	150,43
	TOTAL	143168,00	357656,73

* During 1995-96 80% of the allocation was earmarked to Village Panchayats.

** During 1996-97 & 1997-98 20% of the allocation was earmarked by Village Panchayats.

Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission

1626. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission finances drinking water pumps energised by non-conventional energy sources;

(b) if so, the number of solar pumps financed by the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission;

(c) whether it is a fact that the sector is not being sufficiently encouraged; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far, 225 Solar Pumps have been financed by the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Wasteland Devleopment Scheme in U.P.

1627. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a detailed scheme for Wasteland development was proposed to be launched in 19 districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has been launched; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (d) No such specific scheme named "Wasteland Development" was proposed to be launched in 19 districts of Uttar Paradesh. However, the Department of Wastelands Development is implementing an Integrated Wastelands Development Project scheme throughout the country for development of non-forest wastelands. Under this scheme area based projects are prepared and submitted by the District Rural Development Agencies for approval under the Guidelines of Watershed Development. Under this scheme, 38 project proposals under Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme were received from Uttar Pradesh. Out of which 16 project proposals were sanctioned under the Guidelines for Watershed Development. Three project proposals were returned as they were not as per the Guidelines. In Four project proposals, further clarifications are awaited from DRDAs. Fifteen project proposals are under examination.

Wasteland Development Scheme

1628. SHRI N. RAJENDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made by National Wastelands Development Board during the last two years;

(b) the States successful in developing wastelands; and

(c) the status report on the performance of Tamilnadu State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Wastelands Development Board is implementing the following Plan Schemes for development of non-forest wastelands:—

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) Scheme

(ii) Technology Development Extension & Training (TDET) Scheme

(iii) Support to NGOs/VAs (Grants-in-Aid)

(iv) Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS)

(v) Wastelands Development Task Force (WDTF)

IWDP scheme is a flagship scheme of the Department and is being implemented on watershed basis under the new "Guidelines for Watershed Development" w.e.f. 1.4.95. Under the scheme 200 projects (128 old and 72 under new Guidelines) have been sanctioned throughout the country. In Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Orissa have been sanctioned a large number of projects under this scheme.